

What is the purpose of the “Strangers Become Friends“ programme?

Studying abroad is a real challenge. This programme gives students the opportunity to learn a great deal more about Germany than its language: participants have the chance to learn about the country, its people and its culture while making friends at the same time.

The citizens of Erfurt offer to be hosts to the incoming foreign students and thus help them make it through the initial difficulties of adjusting to life in a new place.

Do you:

- **still have difficulties with the German language? Would you like to practice it?**
Your host will speak German (or English) with you and help you to understand.
- **need help getting to the town hall?**
Your host can help you get oriented. He or she knows shortcuts, the best place to go shopping and Erfurt's public transport system.
- **have a hard time dealing with the doctor, the bank, or the employment office?**
Your host knows how to handle such things and can help you figure out the opening hours and how to fill out important forms.
- **want to visit tourist and cultural attractions?**
Your host will show you what Erfurt and Thuringia have to offer – beyond the campus.
- **have an interest in German culture and traditions?**
Your host could invite you to Easter Dinner, bake Christmas cookies with you and explain what the German holiday “Nikolaus“ is all about.

What else should I know about my host?

Your host is an open-minded person who is just curious about you and your culture. He or she will ask you many questions and would be pleased if you tell him or her about the way things are where you are from and even show him or her pictures of your family, your hometown, etc. Be sure to bring maps, postcards and other information with you when you come!

Important!

Your host is involved in this programme on a voluntary and unpaid basis. He/ she is not responsible for your expenses like living costs, entrance fees and entertainment. He/ she is a person who would like to help you learn more about the country and its people.



Are you interested in joining “Strangers Become Friends“?
Then fill out the attached form and send it out today!

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